

Apple tightens Mac Full Disk Access. AI agents raise the stakes on one toggle.



On Oct 2, Apple said macOS will add controls so Full Disk Access requires “very explicit user action.” Apple warns that as AI agents get more capable and autonomous, the risks of that level of access “will grow substantially.” MSPs: inventory agent permissions now, then sell the monthly review.



Oct 2

Apple Developer News · Updates to Full Disk Access in macOS

Explicit

Apple claim: FDA only with “very explicit user action” going forward

Agents

Apple claim: risks “will grow substantially” as agents get autonomous

Muse

Meta claim: Messages needs FDA + opt-in connector (per Andy Stone)

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Audit agent permissions this month

Apple has not said exactly what the new FDA controls look like or when they ship. Do not wait. Treat every agent on a managed Mac like a privileged account: inventory, scope, owner, review.

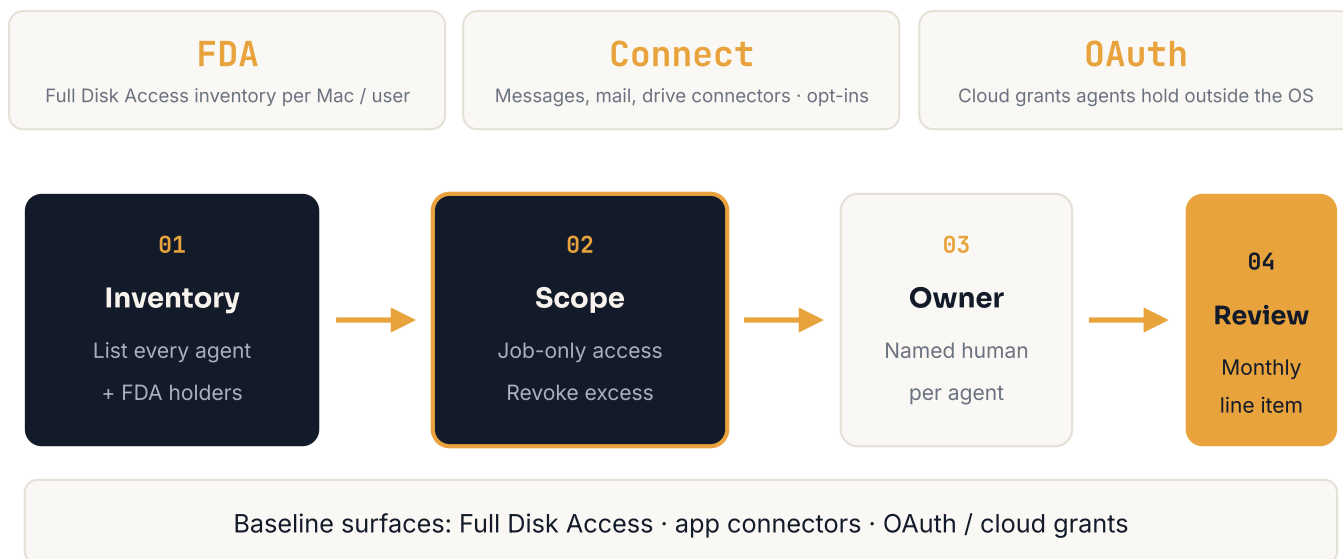
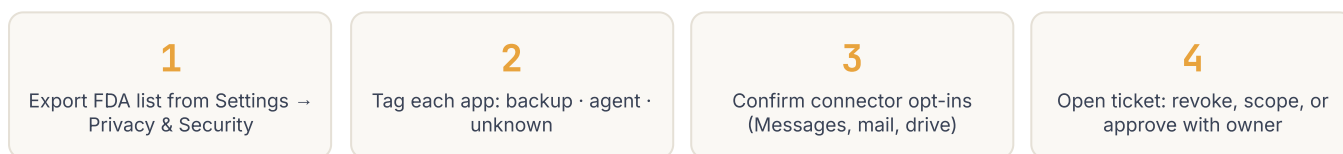


FIGURE 1 · AGENT PERMISSION BASELINE FOR MANAGED MAC ENDPOINTS



MSP FIRST WIN THIS MONTH

Run the inventory on every managed Mac fleet this month. Deliver a one-page permission baseline your client can see. Then book the monthly review as a line item before Apple's new controls land.

From one toggle to a monthly line item

Vendors default to broad access because it is easier to build. Waiting for the OS to fix that is not a policy. Package agent permission hygiene the way you already sell patch and backup reviews.

SURFACE	BEFORE (COMMON TODAY)	AFTER (MSP-GOVERNED)
Full Disk Access	Unknown list · set-and-forget toggles	Inventoried · job-scoped · ticketed
Connectors	User opt-in buried in agent settings	Documented · dual-control where needed
Ownership	No named human for the agent	Named owner on every grant
Review cadence	Only after an incident or complaint	Monthly line item on the MSA
Client proof	Nothing visible in QBR	One-page baseline + deltas

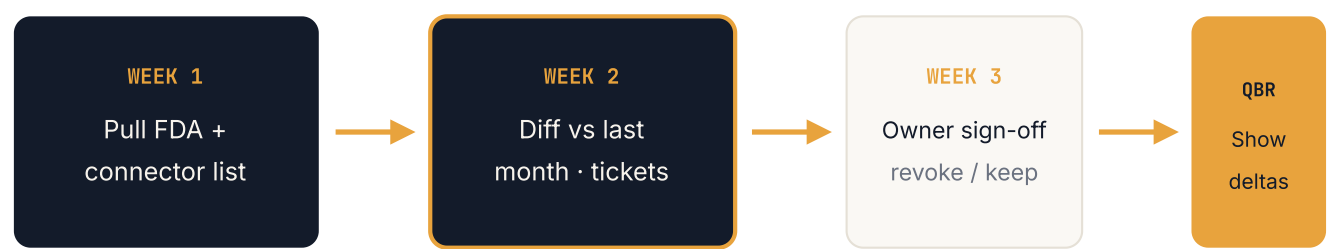


FIGURE 2 · MONTHLY AGENT-PERMISSION LINE ITEM (SELLABLE CADENCE)

APPLE SAID (OCT 2)

Extraordinary access, explicit action

Apple: FDA largely sidesteps privacy controls for backup apps; some developers use it in ways that put users at risk (files, mail, messages, browsing history).

META SAID (MUSE CONTEXT)

Dual opt-in for Messages

Meta's Andy Stone: Muse needs both Full Disk Access and the Messages connector; access can be revoked. Columnist claims remain disputed; label both sides.

WHY MSPS CARE

Endpoint permissions are now an AI governance surface. Package the baseline and monthly review. Capability is not the bottleneck. Permission hygiene is.

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